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SUBJ: GOZ REJECTS USSR CHARGES

1. PREICTABLY ZAIRIAN PRESS OCTOBER 30 VOICED SUPPORT FOR POLITICAL BUREAU'S STATEMENT REJECTING SOVIET DEMARCHE ON ANGOLA. SALONGO EDITORIAL URGES THAT IF "RUSSIAN DARE RASIE LITTLE FINGER TO COMPLAIN ABOUT FRATERNAL AID, IT NOW POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE REAL STAKE BEHIND REAR GUARD ACTION CARRIED OUT BY MOSCOW IN ANGOLA". EDITORIAL CHIDES SOVIET UNION, DESCRIBING IT AS LAST COUNTRY TO GIVE LESSONS IN VIEW OF ITS BEING PRINCIPAL CASUE FOR CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA, EVEN THOUGH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANGOLAN VIOLENCE AND DEATH WILL WEIGH HEAVILY ON THEIR CONSCIENCE, SOVIETS HAVE SEEN FIT TO RESORT TO BASE METHOD OF INTIMIDATION TO EASE SITUATION WHICH, UNTIL NOW, THEY HAD SOUTH TO COMPLICATE

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AND MAKE MORE EXPLOSIVE. EDITORIAL SEES REPTURE WITH SOVIET UNION

AS HAVING NO EFFECT ON GOZ POLICY OR ECONOMY SINCE USSR REPRESENTATION

HAD CONTRIBUTED NOTHING TOWARD GRAND MARCH OF ZAIRE. MOSCOW, EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, WILL ALWAYS SEEK TO IDEOLOGICALLY DOMINATE ZAIRE, BUT ITS CLUMSY ASSAULTS WILL BREAK ON SHIELD OF AUTHENTICITY.

2. ELIMA, WHICH PROMISES STRONGER EDITORIALS IN TOMORROW'S EDITION, DESCRIBED SOVIET THREATS AND GRAVE ACCUSATIONS AS REVOLTING AND INADMISSIBLE. OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, AZAP, DEPICTED USSR AS "SOVIET MONSTER" WHICH UNMASKED ITSELF BY CASTING ITSELF TO THE MIXED INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND TRYING TO CLAW ZAIRE.

3. FIRST REACTION FROM PEOPLE IN THE STREET APPEARS TO BET THAT OF GENERAL SUPPORT FOR POLITICAL BUREAU STATEMENT. SOME ELEMENTS, HOWEVER, WHO OPPOSE GOZ INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA (NOTABLY PEOPLE OF BAS ZAIRE) HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT MOBUTU BROUGHT SOVIET DEMARCHE ON HIMSELF BY MIXING IN AFFAIRS OF ANGOLA. GOOD MAJORITY PROBABLY STILL REMEMBER ROLE SOVIETS PLAYED IN ZAIRE DURING TIME OF REBELLIONS AND MAY BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT EDITORIALS AT FACE VALUE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CONTENTS OF SOVIET DEMARCHE HAVE NOT BEEN REVEALED, STRONG STATEMENT BY POLITICAL BUREAU MAY SERVE AS RALLYING POINT FOR ZAIRIAN SUPPORT OF MOBUTU'S POLICIES IN ANGOLA. STATEMENT WILL ALSO IMPROVE HIS IMAGE WITH OTHER AFRICANS AS DAVID FIGHTING GOLIATH.

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